

The Wind Production Tax Credit (PTC) should NOT be extended as part of Congress' tax reform effort. There are too many reasons the PTC should not be extended to list here, but no energy source should receive subsidies to make it competitive with other energy subsidies. There are many instance such as Solyndra that show that government picking winners and losers simply does not work. Also, new data shows that wind generation not only kill thousands of birds, but that wind mills are taking a significant death toll on bats as well. If that is not enough, the mining of rare earth metal used in the magnets of wind mills produces more radioactive waste than generated by a double-pass reactor. There are numerous other reasons not to subsidize wind energy, but these should make one think hard about the wisdom of picking what appears to be a green alternative energy when it really isn't.

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